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Title: DDQ MEDIATED ONE STEP DIMERISATION OF  
BETA-ASARONE OR BETA-ASARONE RICH  
ACORUS CALAMUS OIL IN THE FORMATION OF  
NOVEL NEOLIGNAN

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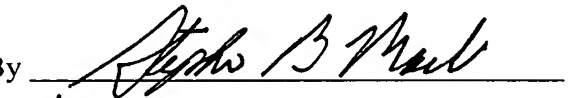
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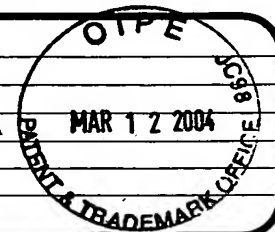


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